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## OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED IN JACKSON COUNTY ON PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE

JEFFERSON, GA – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces a public information open house meeting to discuss the proposed reconstruction of the dirt portion of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in Jefferson. The open house is scheduled from 4 to 7 pm., Tuesday, August 18.

This open house format meeting will be held at the Jefferson Civic Center, located at 65 Kissam Street in Jefferson. Georgia DOT engineers will be available to discuss the proposed project. There will be no formal presentation. This project is an Appalachian Regional Commission project with the City of Jefferson and Georgia DOT. "The plan is to realign and pave the dirt section of Martin Luther King, Jr Drive from Galilee Church Road to Martin Luther King, Jr Avenue. It will remain a 2 lane roadway. Please come see the plans and let us know what you think," said DOT District Engineer Russell McMurry.

Anyone unable to attend the public information open house may send comments on the project to Glenn Bowman, Georgia DOT, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, GA, 30336. All comments will be considered in the development of the final project design and must be received by August 28. After the open house, plans can be viewed at the Georgia DOT District Office located at 2505 Athens Highway in Gainesville.

After the meeting, the plans will be available on the DOT website at <a href="www.dot.ga.gov">www.dot.ga.gov</a>. On the home page choose "Public Outreach" and select the project's county and choose "Go". A list of DOT projects in that county will appear and you can select the one you'd like to view.

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